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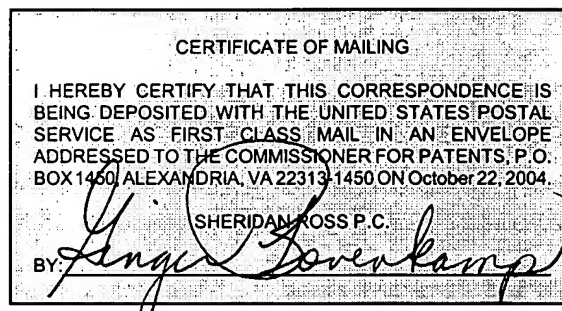
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For: *"Twist Opening Sealing Container"*

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

) Group Art Unit: 3727  
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) Examiner: Lien M. Ngo  
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) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
) REQUIREMENT  
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In an Office Action dated September 24, 2004, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that the apparatus set forth in Claims 1-12 and 18-24 is a distinct invention from the method in Claims 13-17. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-12 and 18-24 in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Claims 13-17 in a subsequent divisional/continuation application while maintaining the original filing date of July 18, 2003. Since the election is timely filed prior to the October 24, 2004 deadline, no fees are believed due at this time. However, if any fees are due the Examiner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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